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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This is in response to amendment submitted 11/05/04. Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 15 have been amended. Please note that claim 12 was amended and has been labeled as "(Original)". Drawing changes and specification amendments have been entered. Please note that the drawing objections from office action sent 08/05/04 have not been addressed with regard to figures 5 and 6. Claims 1-15 have been finally rejected below.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the flap portion in figures 5 and 6 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as

per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

In figure 5 and 6 the collar receiving portion (12) is shown to fold over the fastener means (40). If this is true, then how does the flap (20) fold over the top edge of the fastening means and the top edge portion of the body garment as required in claims 1, 10 and 15.

Specification

3. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: amended claims language from claims 5, 10 and 15 should also be amended in the specification on pages 2 and 4.

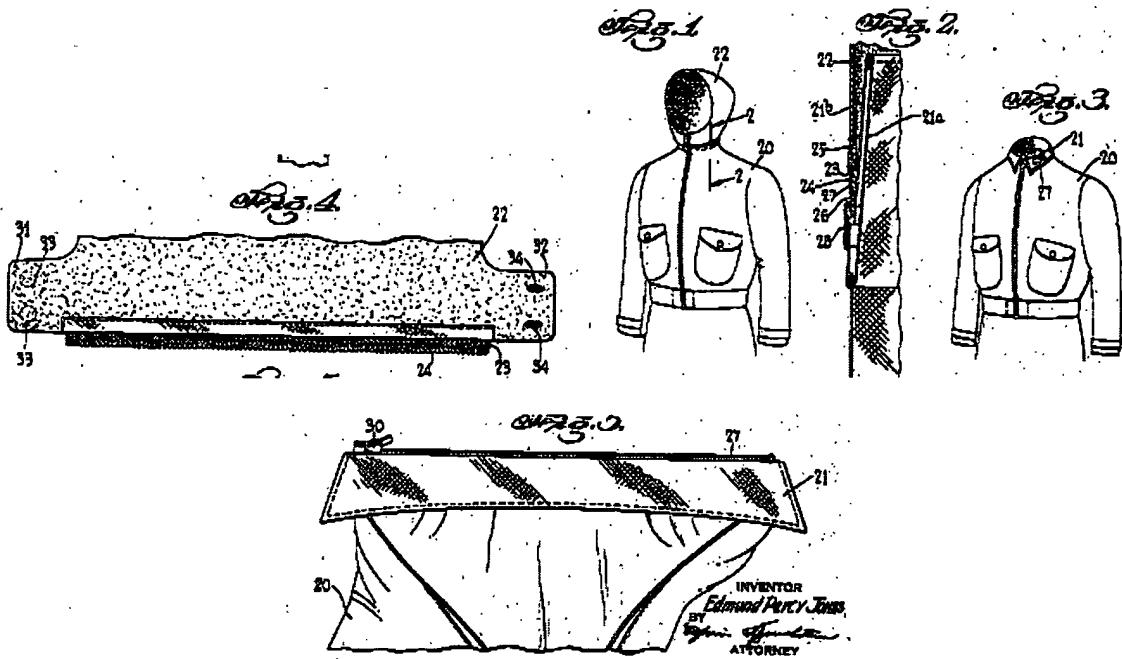
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johns (US 2,264,314).



In regard to claims 1-15, Johns provides a clothing garment (20) having a body with a top end defining a collar receiving portion (26, 27, 28) and having a top edge portion integral therewith. The top edge portion including a flap (21) integral therewith and foldable thereover (figure 3). A collar member (22, 31, 32) having a rear side and a bottom edge portion that is removably engagable with the body (23, 24). Further, Johns teaches means for removably attaching the collar member (22, 31, 32) to the collar receiving portion (26, 27, 28). Attaching means (23, 24) extending along the length of the collar member (22, 31, 32), disposed on the rear side of the collar member (22, 31, 32) and forward of the flap (21) (figure 2). The flap (21) being adaptable for extending upwardly along the collar receiving portion (26, 27, 28) and terminating over the attaching means (27, 30) so that the flap (21) covers the attaching means (27, 30) and the flap (21) extends along a length of the of the attaching means (27, 30). The collar

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member (22, 31, 32) is removable attachable to the top edge portion by a zipper fastener (23, 24, 27, 30).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 11/05/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments have been reviewed and are addressed below.

I) Applicant argues that Johns (US 2,264,314) fails to teach the flap and collar member combination, as claimed by the Applicant.

Examiner disagrees because Johns teaches a collar member and a flap as required in claims 1, 7 and 12. The collar member of Johns is the collar portion of the hood (22) that extends upwardly from the garments top edge and surrounds the wearer's neck. The flap of Johns is the traditional collar (21) and covers the fastening element both when the hood with collar portion is attached to the body garment and also when the hood with collar is unattached to the body garment by overlapping the fastening element located at the top edge of the garment (figures 1-3, identifiers 21, 21a, 23 and 27).

Therefore, Johns reads on independent claims 1, 7 and 12 and their respective dependent claims with regard to the collar member and flap.

Conclusion

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alissa L. Hoey whose telephone number is (703) 308-6094. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30)Second Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on (703) 305-1025. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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